

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the second paragraph on page 31 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Monoclonal antibodies from the mice that received hybridomas producing the IgG_{2b} or IgG₃ class of monoclonal antibodies were purified as follows. A column packed with the protein-A-bound gel "~~Protein A-Sepharose~~ A-SEPHAROSE™ CL-4B" (Pharmacia LKB Biotechnology AB, Uppsala, Sweden) was equilibrated with 1.5 M glycine-NaOH buffer (pH 8.9) containing 3 M NaCl (hereinafter, designated "the equilibration buffer"). Ascites was collected from each housed mouse, purified by centrifugation in a usual manner, twofold diluted with the equilibration buffer, and applied to the equilibrated column. The column was washed with an adequate amount of the equilibration buffer, and then an appropriate amount of 0.1 M glycine-HCl buffer (pH 3.0) was run to elute the antibody adsorbed in the column. The eluate was recovered and dialyzed against PBS (phosphate-buffered saline) at 4°C overnight. Thereafter the dialyzed solution was recovered. These manipulations were conducted with every hybridoma, resulting in purified preparations of three independent monoclonal antibodies: one belongs to the class IgG_{2b}; and remaining two, IgG₃.